

FRENCH JUSTICE EXEMPLIFIED AT THE MARQUIS TRIAL.

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A general demand for reform in judicial procedure in France is one of the results of the trial of the Marquis de Nave on the charge of murdering his wife's illegitimate son.

The preliminary investigation dragged along for sixteen months, during which the Nave was held in technical, if not actual, secret imprisonment and was impeded from preparing his defense, although the prosecutors were against him.

"I never made such an admission," he said. "The judge's instruction has summarized in three lines, inaccurately, what I said in two hours of explanations."

"But you signed the interrogatory," insisted the Judge.

"No," he replied. "I signed the interrogatory, but I did not sign it. I signed the interrogatory, but I did not sign it."

It was the President of the Court of Assizes who was the most extraordinary figure at the trial, according to American ideas of fair play, for nothing of the kind had ever before been seen in a French criminal procedure.

He seems to have started in with a desire to crown his career as a Judge by winning a national reputation through the conviction of the Marquis. He allowed himself boundless latitude in selecting evidence against the prisoner.

The rule seemed to be that anything to the disadvantage of the Nave, his father, or his mother, was admissible. He returned again and again to the fact that the Nave was born out of wedlock, and taunted him with the fact.

"Ah," he sneered, when the Marquis explained his silence upon the disappearance of the boy Menadio, by saying he was trying to save the honor of his wife, "As if one should blush all one's life on account of a natural child. You are a natural child yourself, and you have never blushed because of it."

He bullied the Marquis and resorted to tricks and scenes evidently intended to impress and prejudice the spectators as well as the jury to such an extent that the latter were repeatedly rebuked him. Fancy a criminal lawyer in New York rebuking Recorder Smyth, for instance, for such an offense! But such rebukes never phased the French Judge.

He began the proceedings by making a speech to the jury, a speech in which the French papers describe as being "stupefyingly and completely reprehensible." In it he lauded his impartiality, and declared that he must not be confounded with those ordinary Judges who are easily influenced by outside considerations. He took up the fact that the marriage broker who arranged the Nave's marriage had never received his commission of 35,000 francs, and proceeded thus:

"Your father agreed to pay 35,000 francs to this agent?"

"But I am not my father."

He afterward alleged, to avoid payment, that the contract was illegal, and that he was bound to public morals, and the Court was obliged to decide in his favor although condemning his conduct.

"But who is on trial here, my father or I?"

"Your father was his suit; he won in this affair everything except honor."

"You are standing on a dead!" protested the Marquis. "My father said he thought he should do. If he were here he would defend himself. Do not insult his memory. He is not on trial here," and the audience showed sympathy with the sentiment at least. One newspaper reporter for this incident said: "A shocking act to the Court, and the Court was obliged to decide in his favor although condemning his conduct."

The President twisted and distorted facts to the prejudice of the Nave, and the question of time was involved it turned out that there was conflicting testimony accepted, the evidence unfavorable to the Marquis and thrown out the Marquis's evidence, and the Marquis was referring only to depositions unfavorable to the prisoner.

"The President read all the papers in the case," was the reply, which the Judge deemed a sufficient explanation.

It dilated on a suspicious fact upon the rapidity with which the Marquis traversed Italy during the trip when Menadio lost his life, and said:

"It was very fatiguing, that way of traveling."

"Did not?"

"Oh, you are a perfect Hercules," rejoined the Judge, with a sneer.

"I found myself opportunity to sneer when the Marquis described his wanderings after Menadio's disappearance."

"I wandered through the streets seeking him," De Nave said, "I was confused, I could not find his suit, and I was looking for it."

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Signs of Degeneracy Found by an Italian in the Fingers and Toes.

Dr. Pasquale Penta discusses in a paper recently published some peculiarity of the hands and feet of criminals.

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AN EXHIBITION THAT GOES ON ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

Five Horses the Feature—Good Words for the Town's Horse Show.

Some folks think that the horse show of this town comes only once a year; but it is really a continuous performance the year round.

The permanent show lacks some of the conglomeration of horse and rider that is to be seen at the annual show at the Madison Square.

It has greater variety. The continuous performance includes all of the hundred thousand horses that play a part in the scenic drama of the streets and parks.

The show includes not only many of the pretty and spirited performers given in the last few days at the Madison Square, but well as thousands of others of every sort, the pomp of processions, civic and military, the solemnity of funerals, the gaiety of weddings.

You may see the town's continuous horse show wherever business or pleasure may lead you. It is a horse show in the most literal sense of the word.

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Passengers Well Treated as a Rule, a Tradition to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

Country folks still have an old belief that railway officials of all sorts are persons to be approached with fear and trembling; that a railway ticket once bought must be used at once, and that the railway company is in imminent danger of being lost or destroyed.

There must be somewhere in the dim past of railway history some foundation for the still living tradition in the country that pictures the traveller as forever the victim of neglect, insolence and bad treatment.

"If you never get the money back," said a lady from the country with strong conviction on hearing that her last had purchased her return ticket by one railroad, and then, having changed his mind as to the best route for the guest, had bought a second ticket by a company.

Something of the rural lady's apprehension seized the host when he went to have the first ticket redeemed.

"It's good any time," said the busy ticket seller.

"But I can't use it in months," answered the purchaser.

"Very good," was the answer. "What did you pay for it?"

"Three dollars and a half," said the purchaser, and before he had got over his surprise at the easy confidence of the ticket seller the money was in his hand, his ticket having been taken without a moment's hesitation or investigation.

"My change was a dollar short," said a well-dressed man to the ticket agent at a New York railway station, half an hour after purchasing his ticket.

"So?" was the answer. "If I find I'm a dollar short I'll make up my cash balance I'll put it on your ticket."

"But," said the traveller, "my train goes in ten minutes, and it happens that I shall need my ticket."

"In that case," said the ticket seller, "here's your dollar."

"The acknowledgment was given and the traveller went off. Returning, ten days later, he reported to the ticket agent and received back the acknowledgment, the cash balance having been returned to him.

It is the firm conviction of the untravelled countryman that the railway official is to be approached with fear and trembling.

It is his business and pleasure to harry the innocent patrons of the company. The old traveller, who has been a railway man for many years, is chosen partly because they have proved themselves patient and good-natured.

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REPUBLICANS WILL EVENTUALLY REORGANIZE THE SENATE.

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Important Assignments in the House.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Democratic Senators who are now in Washington are not worrying much over the question of the reorganization of the Senate.

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An Annual Football Contest Between the St. Paul and Berkeley Eleven.

Great progress has been made this year by the preparatory schools in and about New York City in regard to football.

Every school of any prominence has been represented on the "gridiron" this year, and in every game played the spectators have been treated to an exhibition far above the average for such teams.

Goals from the field have been the rule rather than the exception, and surprising developments have been shown in team play and interference.

An English school games quite frequently attract from 30,000 to 40,000 persons, and the general public in this country, if acquainted with the true merit of football put up by the school teams, would patronize them more liberally.

An opportunity will be presented to the patrons of the sport in New York this year to see a really great game between schoolboys.

An arrangement has been made between the St. Paul School of Garden City and Berkeley School of this city to play an annual Thanksgiving Day game for the next three years.

This year the game will take place at Berkeley on Thanksgiving morning. The rivalry between the two schools is very great. The teams have met twice this season, at Berkeley Oval and at Garden City.

The St. Paul lads won the first game by a score of 8 to 0, and Berkeley won the second game by a score of 6 to 0.

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